

SB 552
Support

ORV SUNSET

Mr. Chairman

Members of the Committee

My name is Thomas Dunn

President of the American motorcyclist Associations District 14, where I oversee all of the competition off-road racing and some recreational events in the State of Michigan.

I'm also an Acting member of Michigan Trails Advisory Council and acting Chair for the ORV advisory Work Group.

I thank you for taking up this topic of the ORV permit sunset.

As you know the ORV system in this great state offers extensive opportunity for all sorts of Riding experience for all ages and abilities of riders.

We have been blessed to have remained self sufficient and self funded since our inception as a Designated Trail System.

The Fee collected for the opportunities allows the means to pay for and properly maintain, repair and replace Trail, Bridges Culverts and other infrastructure items to keep our system of top quality and safe for our users.

As long as we continue With no less than 50 percent of all funds collected being put back on the ground in the forms of grants to volunteers and Non- profit groups, we will continue to see our system grow and along with it our rider base which now exceeds 220,000 in permit sales.

The loss of the Permit fee would inevitably cause the system to be shut down taking with it the economic value brought to countless Businesses that rely on the extra revenue brought to them by ORV users especially in the food, fuel and lodging.

Thank you for allowing me a chance to support this extension of the ORV Sunset.

Sincerely,

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